

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061)

**Associated Occupation:** Sociologists (19-3041)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 62

**Focus Occupation:** Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061)

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	25.0	8.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	18.6	16.2	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	15.3	10.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	12.7	9.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	10.4	4.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
History and Archeology	2.6	8.7	5.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Geography	3.9	7.0	8.0	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Reading Comprehension	10.7	17.3	13.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Writing	9.2	15.9	11.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Speaking	10.8	15.7	11.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Active Listening	11.0	15.2	11.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Critical Thinking	10.8	14.5	11.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Science	4.5	13.8	7.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	12.8	9.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Learning	8.7	12.6	9.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Instructing	7.8	12.5	7.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Learning Strategies	7.2	11.8	6.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93			
Focus Occupation: Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061) Associated Occupation: Sociologists (19-3041)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	17.0	13.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	16.4	11.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	15.9	13.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	15.7	12.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	14.4	10.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.9	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	13.3	10.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Originality	7.6	10.4	8.9	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88
<b>Focus Occupation: Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061)</b> <b>Associated Occupation: Sociologists (19-3041)</b>		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	

Analyze social or economic data	63
Collect scientific or technical data	30
Collect social or personal information	70
Collect statistical data	47
Communicate technical information	4
Compile information through interviews	68
Compile numerical or statistical data	38
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop tables depicting data	33
Interpret charts or tables for social or economic research	70
Maintain awareness of social trends	71
Make presentations	13
Obtain information from individuals	24
Perform statistical modeling	76
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Recognize interrelationships among individuals or social groups	74
Recognize interrelationships among social statistics or indicators	77
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use conflict resolution techniques	56
Use current social research	62
Use interpersonal communication techniques	10
Use interviewing procedures	23
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use library or online Internet research techniques	21
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use oral or written communication techniques	1
Use public speaking techniques	13
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Work as a team member	36

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: n/a

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### Tools and Technologies

### Exclusivity

Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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